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DIRECTING END USER TO SELECTED  
NETWORK LOCATION OF PROVIDER  
BASED ON USER-PROVIDED CODES

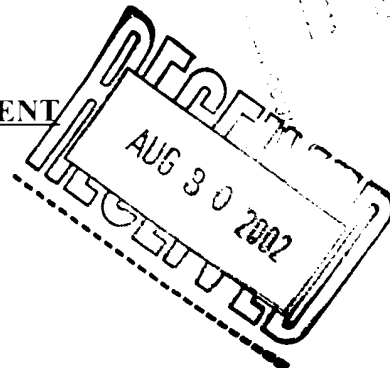
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), the above-identified Applicants cite the following patents and publications, which may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, copies of the patents and publications set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (3 sheets) have not been provided because they were cited in one or more of parent Application No.'s 09/236,176, 09/310,355 and 09/951,361. In exception to the above, references to two web cites set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 have been provided. In addition, Applicants hereby bring to the Examiner's attention Application Serial No.'s 09/768,800, 09/768,535, 09/768,387, 09/974,492, 09/971,115, 09/971,369, 09/971,321, 09/974,711 and U.S. Patent No. 6,314,457. This information disclosure is being filed more than 3 months from the filing date, but prior to the mailing of a first Official Action. Accordingly, no petition, or fee is believed to be required.

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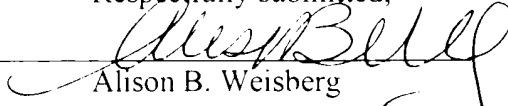
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